

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2015

**RE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT BY CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. DBA
CENTURYLINK AND CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC DBA
CENTURYLINK WITH TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA,
LLC; CASE NOS. CEN-T-15-01 AND CGS-T-15-01.**

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

CURRENT APPLICATION


On January 12, 2015, CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink submitted Applications for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Teleport Communications America, LLC. These Agreements establish terms and conditions for interconnection, transport and termination of traffic, unbundled network elements, ancillary services, collocation, resale, and pricing.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and believes the Agreements are consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Agreements.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?



Grace Seaman

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